



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
Fifty-Second Legislature, First Regular Session

FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1477

higher education; budget reconciliation; 2015-2016

Purpose

Makes necessary statutory and session law changes relating to higher education to reconcile the FY 2016 state budget.

Background

The Arizona Constitution prohibits substantive law from being included in the general appropriations, capital outlay appropriations and supplemental appropriations bills. However, it is often necessary to make statutory and session law changes to effectuate the budget. Thus, separate bills called budget reconciliation bills (BRBs) are introduced to enact these provisions. Because BRBs contain substantive law changes, the Arizona Constitution provides that they become effective on the general effective date, unless an emergency clause is enacted.

Provisions

1. Stipulates that a community college district located in a county with a population of more than 350,000 persons is ineligible to receive state aid for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and Workforce Programs.
2. Adds the requirement that a community college district must be located in a county with a population of less than 350,000 persons in order to be eligible for state aid.
3. Allows the Commission for Postsecondary Education (Commission) to use monies collected from students for the purpose of administering loan programs.
4. Allows the Commission to contract with a third-party vendor to collect loan repayments from students.
5. Continues, for FY 2016, to allow the Legislature to appropriate less than a 2:1 match to student registration surcharges deposited in the Arizona Financial Aid Trust.
6. Makes technical changes.
7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.